



TAKE TARAWA . . . Marines "hit the deck" as soon as they reach the beach and crawl ahead on their stomachs so they will be smaller targets for the waiting Japs. Here a squad leader points toward the spot from which Japs are firing. His squad crawled ahead and eliminated the enemy strong point.

## Company 'H' of State Guard Still Has Openings for More Recruits

Men in the Lomita and Torrance area who have the urge to aid in the war effort and who can put in a few hours a week, using the best military equipment the U.S. Army has, to learn the rudiments of the important work done and scheduled to be done by the California State Guard have an opportunity to sign up with Company H of the 39th Regiment, where personnel is badly needed.

This announcement comes from First Lieut. Robert Lewellen, commanding officer of Company H, the home organization of the Guard. Lewellen has been in close touch with state and federal high ranking officers and knows whereof he speaks.

**Plant Protection**  
With so many industrial plants engaged in important war work located in the area, the harbor and the great oil refineries so close by, it is of the utmost importance that men whose physical condition, good citizenship and desire to aid their country is definitely established get this valuable training and prepare for whatever emergency may arise, the lieutenant asserted.

"Everyone knows that when the war with Japan moves in to the major stages, trained regular Army units will have to get into the combat zone, and the Guard may at any time be called upon to take over strategic missions that are vital to the welfare of the home front by maintenance of production and safe conditions in this important area," Lieut. Lewellen explained.

**Civilian Guide**  
All state units, with police or semi-military training and backgrounds have been ordered to cooperate with the State Guard by Adj. Gen. Roy Hays, and right here in this area Leslie Laht, for the past eight years a fish and game warden, who has worked all over California and knows not only the mountain and forest regions but the coastal and harbor district, has been ordered to report to Lewellen as the civilian guide to aid the guard in any emergency that may arise.

Laht, who resides in Lomita, has been working in the harbor area for three years, he has a detailed and definite knowledge of conditions in the section, which he has gained by his daily patrol, his investigations and his long training in this important semi-police, semi-military capacity. He recently testified before the State Senate committee on the Japanese situation and furnished valuable information to the committee.

"We have just received an armory building sent from the state armory in Exposition park in Los Angeles, and the building will soon be erected and

ready for occupancy at the Torrance Municipal park. We can take care of 146 men in the building, and in addition there is ample room for company officers," Lewellen declared.

All who desire to join up should report at the Guard headquarters in the Torrance park Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7:30, are requested to report to the recruiting sergeant, Thomas Ramskill at the headquarters where they will receive all information and full cooperation in getting started.

"Every man taken in will get equipped with the finest regular Army equipment, including uniforms, arms and many things that go to make a soldier efficient. Besides the training program has been intensified and streamlined so we can, even with the short periods of drill and instruction required, prepare the company for instant, efficient service, and believe me this is deadly serious and important," Lieut. Lewellen pointed out.

### Hernia Held No Bar to Service In Armed Forces

Californians who have been barred from military service for purely physical reasons due to hernia now will be eligible for Army duty, the State Selective Service headquarters has announced.

Under the changed regulations local draft boards will reopen the cases of all registrants who have been placed in 4-F solely because of the existence of inguinal hernia. Those found on examination to have a non-serious hernia and no other disqualifying effect, and not otherwise deferred, will be forwarded to induction centers for decision of acceptance or rejection.

All accepted will at the outset be assigned to work now performed by limited service men. Those whose defects can be corrected by hospitalization will be treated in service hospitals and made available for general duty.

### HAUGE GOES TO FLORIDA

County Supervisor Oscar B. Hauge, who represents the Harbor District on the board, has departed for a month's vacation with Miami, Florida, as his principal destination.

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